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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

County Superintendent Explains Salaries and Shortage of Teachers.

I take this method of explaining to the public why there is a shortage of teachers in Jackson county. Also, why the salaries of teachers are not more.

It is all for the want of more school money.

The law is very specific in saying, that all counties that have less than 140 days school, whose school tax is from forty cents to sixty cents on one hundred dollars of property, must continue three days longer than the preceding year, if they receive any of the state equalization fund. It is my duty as county superintendent to inform the County Board of Education as the financial condition of the county as to the school money—would be a poor official, not worthy of the position, if I did not.

Knowing the amount of money they have to spend for teaching, the numbers of teachers employed, and that the schools must continue three days longer than did last year, the board is able to ascertain the salaries they can pay. The board has increased the salaries from fifteen to twenty per cent this year. They have done the best they can with the money they have to use for teaching.

I have been to the Peabody College at Nashville, where there was from 800 to 1000 teachers, and to the Polytechnic school at Cookeville, where there were from 100 to 150 teachers twice in July looking for teachers. When talking to teachers, they would ask from \$75 to \$100 per month and demand an eight or nine months term. I soon learned I could not employ such teachers, as our school money is limited and our school term too short.

I realized two or three months ago a teachers famine was coming, but do all I could there was nothing to prevent it. It is not only so in this county and state, but everywhere it seems.

We are in need of 18 to 20 teachers. Some of the schools will not be taught perhaps till after Christmas for want of teachers.

I meet some men who say, "you should pay the teachers more." If their tax was increased to get more school money, they would sleep but little and be the first to complain and would keep complaining.

Some teachers in this county, as in all other counties, are getting more than they are worth in the school room.

I am constantly receiving application from some who have no certificates. The state superintendent is the only one that can issue certificates, and he has to be governed by the law.

Respectfully,
W. L. Dixon,
County Supt.

If modesty is a state of mind, empty-minded persons naturally suppose they couldn't be immodest.

The boy who is father to the man sometimes acts more like a stepfather.

Women and men flirts are bad enough but a child coquette is the limit.

There are other things in life than food, clothing and lodging and some of them can't be bought with money—but they're not very numerous.

Luther Lynn Elected Attendance Officer For Jackson County.

In accordance with the law enacted by the 1919 legislature, the County Board of Education has elected Luther Lynn, of Gainesboro R-1, attendance officer for the public schools of Jackson county.

Mr. Lynn will look after the enforcement of the Compulsory School Law throughout the county. The law as amended reads as follows:

"That every parent, guardian, or other person, in the State of Tennessee, having charge or control of any child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, inclusive, shall cause such child to be enrolled in and attend some day school, public, private, or parochial, for eighty consecutive days, or when the school term is less than eighty days in length for the full term, in each year in the county or city in which said child may reside," be and the same is hereby amended by substituting for "between the same is hereby amended by substituting for "between the ages of eight and fourteen," the words seven and sixteen, inclusive, and by substituting for "eighty consecutive days" the words the words, the entire term of school.

The law was amended so as to give any justice of the peace the power to hear cases coming within the provisions of the Act.

As to the salary and duty of attendance officer, the law is: "Said attendance officer shall be paid a salary fixed by the County Board of Education. Said attendance officer shall devote his entire time, during the school term, to the duties of said office and to such other duties as may be imposed upon him by the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the County Superintendent. Said salary shall be paid out of the Public School Funds of the county. Provided further, that the attendance officer shall be clothed with the authority of a deputy sheriff to act only in cases of the violations of the provisions of this Act, and to make instant arrests for the violation of any law of the land, but in no case shall he be allowed to serve papers, emanating from the offices of Justices of the Peace or any Court of Record. For every violation of the restrictions imposed on him by the provisions of this Act he shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00 and he may be dismissed from office for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act."

The law as enacted in 1913 and which is still a law says, "Any parent, guardian, or other person failing to comply with the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall pay a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars for the first offence, and not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for the second and every subsequent offense, and the cost of the suit."

The hours we dream of happy prospects are more pleasant than the days that are crowned with realization.

A well manicured boy is a delight to the eye, but did anybody ever see one?

The Same Old Boys.

A lot of people have been exploiting the theory that young men of the country who have spent six months to a year and a half in the army and navy of their country have been revolutionized physically and mentally, and to have things to their liking that the United States needs to be turned over, if not upside down. But the gathering facts show that aside from having been broadened and strengthened by strenuous experiences in camp, travel and on the battlefield, that the boys are just about the same kind of boys that they were before the fateful sixth of April, 1917. The outstanding feature of the change, according to Col. Arthur Woods, Assistant to the Secretary of War, in discussing post-war problems, is that "the ambitions of our returning soldiers and sailors is probably the best thing about them." Col. Woods says that tests applied to ascertain the mental and psychological condition of the former soldiers prove interesting. Among six hundred soldiers and sailors who returned to industrial callings, it was found 64 per cent of them increased in efficiency, that 32 per cent of them were the same, and 4 per cent went backwards. Apparently there has been widespread apprehension concerning the attitude of mind of soldiers who have just returned home. Col. Woods throws lights upon this. He says: "Men are not likely to come through such soul-searching experiences as this without having some sort of lasting effects upon them. This effects seems to take the form, along others, of causing them to assert their individuality, again, upon discharge, with a certain amount of emphasis. They certainly don't want to go work again right off at the old civil job—a good many of them; I didn't when I was discharged." The fact that these men "have their own ideas about things" appears according to Col. Woods, to tend toward the general uplift.

From another source, the United States Employment Service, the information is obtained that "probably more than three-quarters of the discharged men go straight home and fit promptly into jobs."

Hundreds of thousands of discharged service men have been returned to civil life within the past few weeks, but the activities of the country have absorbed them, and the number of unemployed has not increased, and has remained nearly stationary. A reason for this is found in the fact there are 2000 agencies in the country, including Governments departments, merchants associations and municipal bodies, the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus and the War Camp Community, that have constituted themselves employment agencies; and in their work they have cooperated with, and had the support of millions of loyal and interested citizens.

NICKNAMES OF STATES.

For the benefit of the school children in the county the Sentinel publishes the nicknames of the states.

Alabama, Land of Flowers; Arkansas, Bear state; California, Goldenstate; Colorado, Centennial state; Connecticut, Nutmeg state; Delaware, Blue Hen state; Florida, Peninsular state; Georgia, Cracker state; Illinois, Sucker state; Indiana, Hoosier state; Iowa, Hawkeye state; Kansas, Sunflower state; Kentucky, Bluegrass state; Maine, Pine Tree state; Maryland, Old Land state; Massachusetts, Old Bay state; Michigan, Wolverine state; Minnesota, Gopher state; Mississippi, Bayou state; Missouri, Bullion state; Montana, Singed Cat state; Nevada, Silver state; New Hampshire, Granite state; New Jersey, Garden state; New York, Empire state; North Carolina, Tarheel state; Ohio, Buckeye state; Oregon, Webfoot state; Pennsylvania, Keystone state; Rhode Island, Little Rhody; South Carolina, Palmetto state; Tennessee, Volunteer state; Texas, Lone Star state; Utah, Honey Bee state; Vermont, Green Mountain state; Virginia, Old Dominion; West Virginia, Panhandle state; Wisconsin, Badger state.

NUGGETS OF WISDOM.

Christianity is a money making, wealth-creating religion.

For one, I'm tired of the revolutionists who call themselves reformers.

I cannot follow men who know no way to get the rat out of the barn except by burning the building to the ground.

It is not big business, but bad business we have to fear.

Our political probers produce more pus than purity.

The commerce which has no international outlook is but a step removed from the trade of hucksters.

Hovering over the field are thousands of those black vultures which we call demagogues, and in true buzzard fashion picking out first the eyes of their victims to make sure of the carrion they would devour.

One reason for the outcry against flatterers is that there are so few good ones. Flatters on one of the nicest arts in this life.

What a funny thing life really is. A toothless old woman will vainly seek recognition for the blue blood in her veins while the whole town goes mad over a kitchen maid with the bloom of youth in her cheeks.

Many Jackson County Citizens Emigrate To Oklahoma Oil Fields.

Drumright, Okla.
July 27th, 1919.

Health of this community is very good.

John McCain, and Luther Strong, wife and little daughter, of Jackson County, Tenn., landed in Drumright on the 16th. They are working the same lease Luther has bought a house and is housekeeping.

Homer Terry has gone to Texas since his wife went home.

Luther Head of Stone, Tenn., arrived here the 17th. There are a number of people coming to this place, but lots more leaving.

Mrs. Bettie and Catt Stafford motored out in the country last week and bought five bushel of peaches, paying \$1 per bushel for them.

I was very sorry to hear of Mark Burris' death. He was a boy I loved, and my deepest sympathy is with the bereaved family.

Mrs. H. B. Stafford and her brother, John McCain, spent Saturday with Tom Stafford.

Emily Strong and little daughter visited Harve Stafford.

Luther Strong and wife and Palo McCain and wife spent Sunday afternoon in town.

Jim Wright and wife, Dillard Wright wife and son, John V. Poston and Mr. Masters, were the dinner guests of Herman Poston and wife Sunday.

Jeff Stafford and the writer visited their uncle, Tom Stafford Sunday.

I am glad to hear that so many of our soldier boys have returned, especially Hubert McCain.

There is a great demand here now for experienced men.

We were certainly glad to hear of Mrs. Aulty Shoulders getting along so well. Hope she is well and at home with little Henry.

Glad that Miss Nora Spivey got the Stone school again. Wish I was there to go to school to her.

I would like to see the news from all points back there. It is interesting to me, but seems that you folks are letting county news drag. Send in news every week.

With best wishes to the Sentinel and its many readers I close.

Oliver Stafford.

Drumright, Okla.
July 25, 1919.

Dear Sentinel:

As I have read news from other parts of the oil fields, I will give a few items from the Greek Nation.

Most every body is having good health in this neighborhood. Helon Wright has been sick but is better.

Come Burrstown with the good news.

Charley Smith visited Jim Wright and wife at Pleasant Hill.

Has any seen Shorty, who asked for a ticket to Stone, and the agent asked him which road it was on, and Shorty politely told him the "Gainesboro road."

Come on Carley Smith, you will win the saw mill yet.

What has become of Noah Hawkins folks and J. T. Phillips' people.

I suppose Albert Masters is having a good time. I saw him at a big dance a few nights past, also Dent Furgerson was doing

County News As Told By Sentinel Staff Correspondents.

Granville, Tenn.

Every body is happy over the rain.

Rev. C. S. Adams is conducting a series of meetings here.

A. A. Huff and J. H. Daniels motored to Nashville, returning Monday.

R. E. Daniel, who has been in France for the past ten months returned home Monday.

L. P. Sutton, Dave Williams, Herbert Jones, Jessie and Andy Huff left Monday for Detroit, Mich.

Miss Helen Page Jackson is at home, after an extended visit with relative in Kentucky.

Miss Ina Davis of Cookeville, and Miss Vesta Mai Brown of Nashville, were the weekend guest of Mrs. Charles Brown.

R. Cecil Williamson and Peyton Pharris returned Saturday from Flint, Mich., where they spent a few hours looking over the huge city.

Lester Duke has returned home from France.

Herman Bartlett of Martins creek, was in town Saturday.

Miss Ethel McKinley spent Monday night with Miss Lola Green.

Miss Dorthena Duke spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Walter Vaughn at Buffalo Valley.

J. C. Jackson and family have moved to the residence recently vacated by L. P. Sutton.

Dr. Knight of Chestnut Mound has the Rober Vantrease property.

Mrs. R. H. Dowell has gone to Nashville where she will undergo an operation.

B. P. Shirley went to Nashville Friday.

FLYNN'S LICK.

G. C. Darwin and family at-
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some fancy stunts.

Arthur Bull took a bath in crude oil while pulling rods on the P. O. G. Co.

Bart Smith enjoys working for the Lone Star Oil Co.

A large crowd of Tennesseans were recent visitors at Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wright's. They sure did make the hills of Creek Nation ring with fine music.

I guess some of my friends would like to know how many Jackson countians there is in Drumright. The answer is 57.

The weather in this part is awful hot. We are needing rain.

I suppose Will Carlie is walking the streets of Burrstown.

We hear no more rumbling of the brooks on route 2, but the constant sound of engines makes a man feel awful blue.

Lafe Wheat has made good as a ball player for the Roxanan Oil Co. The girls shout and yell when Labe steps in the pitchers box.

John McCain seems to takes a lot of pains in filling his appointments at Drumright.

Mrs. Martha Wright seems to think there is no place like Tennessee. She studies about going back so much, it keeps her eyes red all the time.

Dent Ferguson must be going into the jewelry business as he has ordered a good supply of J. Lynn's best.

I close, hoping to see some good news from home.

A Burrstown Burglar.